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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



The Community of Misesa in Mbuji-Mayi has access to clean water thanks to the implementation of PIC by the Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In brief

Programme Summary: In 2006, the Federation's Kinshasa delegation covered the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (RCDRC) and the Congolese Red Cross (CRC). The delegation supported the implementation of various programmes of the two National Societies including health and care, disaster management, organizational development and promotion of Humanitarian Values.

Under health and care, the major achievement in 2006 was the response to the cholera epidemics that occurred in Uvira, Fizi and Bukavu in the South Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In disaster management, the major activities carried out were response to the flooding that occurred in Inkisi (Bas Congo Province), Nsele (Kinshasa Province) of the DRC and in Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo (RoC). With respect to organizational development, RCDRC started the restructuring process of its secretariat, in line with the recommendations contained in the 2005 audit, the Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) workshop report and the central committee's meeting that took place in September 2005. This process is still ongoing.

The new organization structure was adopted during the central committees meeting which took place from 29 to 30 May 2006. The RCDRC General Assembly took place in December 2006 and served as a framework to renew its governing board and elect a new President.

Goal: To meet the Federation's mission to improve the lives of vulnerable people in DRC and RoC.

Needs: Total 2006-2007 budget CHF 5,026,067 (USD 4,153,774 or EUR 3,064,675), out of which 34.9 percent covered. [Click here to go directly to the attached financial report](#)

For more detailed information on the 2006 activities, please see Programme Update 1 and 2:

Programme Update no. 1: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA6200201.pdf>

Programme Update no. 2: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA6200202.pdf>

No. of people we help: In 2006, the programmes executed by RCDRC and CRC, with technical and financial support from the Kinshasa delegation benefited about 535,700 people in DRC and RoC. Towards the end of 2006, it was decided that the CRC be detached from the Kinshasa delegation and attached to the Central Africa sub-regional office (CASRO).

In 2007, the Kinshasa delegation expects to support 1,400 Red Cross volunteers within the framework of activities to benefit some 600,000 beneficiaries in DRC. The following table indicates the number of people the Kinshasa Delegation assisted in 2006 as well as the target beneficiaries for 2007.

Table 1: Number of beneficiaries in 2006 and target beneficiaries for 2007

Year	Project Title	Target population	No. of beneficiaries	Women	Men	Children under age of 18	Elderly
2006	Health and care, disaster management, Humanitarian Values and organizational development	Vulnerable populations in DRC and RoC	535,700	40%	20%	30%	10%
2007	Health and care, disaster management, Humanitarian Values and organizational development	Vulnerable populations in DRC	600,000	40%	10%	40%	10%

Our partners: In 2006, the Kinshasa delegation, RCDRC and CRC maintained a dynamic partnership in the field to facilitate the execution of Red Cross projects. In 2007, the delegation and the RCDRC will consolidate the existing partnerships with the German, Belgian and Spanish Red Cross societies as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Contacts have been made with other international organizations and will be finalized in order to find additional sources of funding to support RCDRC programmes.

Current context

The year 2006 was characterized by the organization of presidential, legislative and senatorial elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Armed conflicts persisted in the eastern part of the country between the army and rebels in North Kivu and Ituri. These conflicts caused serious population movements (about 32,000 people were displaced), looting as well as the destruction of houses, public buildings, schools, health centres and community centres. The displacement of populations was further aggravated by the voluntary or forceful return of Congolese refugees from Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia, Angola, Rwanda and the Republic of Congo (RoC).

DRC was affected by several natural disasters such as floods in Kinshasa, Bas-Congo, Equateur, Province Orientale and Maniema as well as landslides that affected thousands of people in Kasai Oriental and South Kivu. Cholera outbreaks also occurred in North and South Kivu, while plague and meningitis affected Ituri (Province Orientale). Over five million people were affected, of which

500,000 were assisted by the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (RCDRC), through support from the Federation.

The absence of a head of delegation and a water and sanitation (WatSan) delegate in Kinshasa since July 2006 had a negative impact on the implementation of the programmes as the field delegate was compelled to spend most of his time in Kinshasa. The field delegate was also expected to follow up activities in the pilot provinces of the Programme Initiative Congo (PIC).

The major activity of the Congolese Red Cross (CRC) in 2006 was the floods response which affected over 300,000 people in Brazzaville. The CRC received inadequate funding for its 2006 health and disaster management programmes.

Progress towards objectives

Health and Care

Goal: The health condition of the populations living in the provinces and divisions targeted by the programme in DRC and RoC is improved.

Objective: The mortality and morbidity rates in the targeted populations are reduced, the risk and prevalence of diseases with epidemic potential (Ebola, cholera as well as HIV and AIDS) and malaria are reduced in the targeted areas of DRC and RoC.

Progress

The implementation of PIC in Mbuji-Mayi, Misesa and Mbandaka in 2006 contributed to building the capacities of Red Cross local committees of these localities in cholera management. Red Cross volunteers sensitized over 9,200 people on hygiene promotion and epidemiological surveillance in Mbuji-Mayi. Furthermore, the volunteers completed the construction of water wells and latrines in the Misesa neighbourhood of Mbuji-Mayi and Mbandaka. They carried out the same activities in Bukavu and Uvira as well as in the surrounding localities, reaching about 174,800 people.

In the Province Orientale, the National Society chlorinated water at water distribution points, thus preventing the populations from using unsafe water. The action taken by RCDRC in 2006 contributed to stopping the cholera epidemic that claimed a lot of lives in DRC.

In the fight against HIV and AIDS, RCDRC sensitized over 16,000 people to the dangers of the pandemic. People are now aware of the disease and have learned the proper use of condoms. This is expected to progressively reduce the prevalence rate of HIV in DRC.

RCDRC also laid emphasis on the fight against yellow fever in 2006. About 150 Red Cross volunteers carried out social mobilization and sensitization activities in the West of the country, reaching over 375,000 people. The beneficiaries now know how to avoid yellow fever in the future.

The Congolese Red Cross sensitized over 32,000 people in the West, Brazzaville and Pool provinces of the Republic of Congo (RoC) on HIV and AIDS.

Constraints

The delayed approval of budgets slowed down the implementation of activities that had been planned for the first half of 2006. Furthermore, the Kinshasa delegation received inadequate funding, especially for the fight against HIV, which is a serious concern in both countries.

Since July 2006, the Kinshasa delegation did not have a head of delegation and a WatSan delegate. This has had a negative impact on the implementation of programmes as the field delegate was compelled to spend most of his time in Kinshasa. Furthermore, the level of funding for the 2006 CRC programmes was very low. This affected the implementation of the planned

activities.

Disaster Management

Goal: The vulnerability of the populations to disasters in the provinces and divisions targeted by the programme in DRC and RoC are reduced.

Objective: The vulnerable communities in the provinces and divisions targeted by the programme in DRC and RoC are better informed about risks, are capable of foreseeing disasters and can take preventive measures following the PIC approach.

Progress

In 2006, RCDRC developed a three-year plan of action for the Kasai Occidental, Province Orientale and South Kivu provinces, with support from the Kinshasa Delegation. This was done after the training of about 77 Red Cross volunteers on vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA) in Boende (Equateur Province), Kananga (Kasaï Occidental), Kisangani (Province Orientale), Bena Kabongo, a locality of Mbuji-Mayi (Kasaï Oriental) and in Katana (South Kivu Province).

The delegation also contributed to building RCDRC's disaster preparedness capacity by retraining 22 teams of Red Cross volunteers on volcanic and gas emission management. Subsequently, the trained volunteers sensitized the populations to the risks surrounding them.

One of the most important achievements of 2006 in DRC was the response to floods in Inkisi. However, it is also important to note that the Red Cross provincial committees that were targeted by Programme Initiative Congo in 2006 understood the importance of vulnerability and capacity assessment and now consider it an essential element in their disaster management process. The achievements of RCDRC led to the consolidation of partnerships with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

In the Republic of Congo, the delegation helped the National Society in responding to the flooding that occurred in Brazzaville in November 2006. About 771 families benefited from non-food items (NFIs) distributed by the Congolese Red Cross. The delegation also supported the National Society to train 60 first aid volunteers in disaster management.

Constraints

The RCDRC received inadequate funding to effectively implement their programmes. Moreover, the National Society lacks human resources to carry out its disaster management activities. In RoC, the National Society was not able to implement most of their activities due to insufficient funding. There was very little or no funding to support the disaster preparedness and response activities of the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Organizational Development

Goal: By implementing good governance and management principles, the National Societies of the DRC and the RoC become well-functioning National Societies and render quality services to vulnerable people.

Objective: The management of the human, financial and material resources of the National Societies of DRC and RoC are improved, and cooperation and coordination are reinforced.

Progress

With support from the Federation and the Danish Red Cross, RCDRC built the planning capacity of its Equateur and Mbandaka provincial committees. This was done through a training workshop on the 2006 Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP), which was extended to all the surrounding localities. The training enabled the National Society to develop a project that has been submitted to the European Union within the framework of the 9th FED initiative "Africa Caribbean and Pacific (ACP-

EU) Water Facility". The project was developed in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFP), the United Nations Mission in DRC (MONUC¹), international and local NGOs such as OXFAM as well as state institutions. Gender sensitivity was considered during the planning of the project.

In addition, RCDRC set up 11 new mother clubs composed of 220 members in Mbandaka, Kisangani and Bukavu to facilitate the promotion and integration of women in Red Cross activities, especially in the prevention of diseases and the management of income-generating activities.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: The respect of human dignity and increased solidarity towards vulnerable people are reinforced.

Objective: The level of discrimination and stigma against all vulnerable groups is reduced in DRC and RoC.

Progress

RCDRC also organized 108 sessions to disseminate Federation Principles and Humanitarian Values to about 1,250 people from all social and occupational sectors in three provinces.

In order to stop stigmatization against Pygmies, the National Society organized a workshop to train 72 Pygmies and 60 Bantus on community-based first aid (CBFA), with the aim of involving Pygmies directly in Red Cross activities. The trained Pygmies and Bantus have been sensitizing the populations to the consequences of sexual abuse and discrimination against sexually-abused people.

Constraint

Unfortunately, the National Society lacked sufficient funding to continue with the programme and to support the social integration of sexually-abused women.

Implementation and Coordination

Goal: The Kinshasa delegation supports and coaches the two National Societies within the framework of executing their respective programmes in line with the priority areas of the 2010 Strategy, ARCHI 2010, the Ouagadougou Declaration and the Algiers Plan of Action.

Objective: The two National Societies receive appropriate support (upon request) in domains such as integrity, leadership development, strategic planning, self-evaluation, volunteer management and programmes execution.

Progress

Upon request of the Red Cross Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Kinshasa delegation provided technical support and advice within the framework of the ongoing process to restructure the secretariat general of the National Society. This contributed to the development and finalization of the new organization chart, which was adopted during the meeting of the central committee from 29 to 30 May 2006. The Kinshasa delegation also contributed to the development of job descriptions and a volunteer management policy.

In the Republic of Congo, the Kinshasa delegation drew the attention of the National Society to the need of recruiting permanent technical officers at headquarters level, with responsibilities clearly stated in the various contracts. The National Society took the advice and put in place a new team in March 2006.

¹ In French: Mission des Nations Unies au Congo (MONUC)

Working in partnership

In 2006, one of the most important objectives of the Kinshasa delegation was to raise the awareness of the Red Cross Societies of DRC and RoC on the importance of strengthening existing partnerships and creating new ones. To that effect, the delegation updated both National Societies on the current partnership trends within and outside the Movement, and particularly on the increased competition in the humanitarian field. The delegation advised both National Societies on the importance of having a strong, visible and reliable National Society which can form fruitful partnerships with potential donors.

In order to remain up to date with the new trends, the delegation attended inter-agency meetings organized in Kinshasa and in Brazzaville. In one of the meetings that took place in Brazzaville in February 2006, the head of delegation presented the Federation's approach to disaster management to all the participants, including the Congolese government. With the support of UN agencies, the head of delegation also presented the joint plan of action of both National Societies for bird flu preparedness during a meeting organized by the DRC government.

The Kinshasa delegation seized the opportunity during the national and international forums organized in DRC and RoC to advocate and make significant contributions to the fight against HIV and AIDS as well as to disaster preparedness and response, promotion of Humanitarian Values and the fight against discrimination. Partners such as the Global Fund to fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Activities (OCHA) and several Partner National Societies (PNSs) promised to continue supporting RCDRC programmes.

Contributing to longer-term impact

In the provinces already covered by PIC, a specific strategy has been put in place to facilitate the intervention of the Red Cross to reduce the death toll of disasters and improve people's behaviour in the event of epidemics such as cholera. The PIC process also contributed to the promotion and respect of human dignity through projects to assist Pygmies and sexually-abused people. The PIC process encouraged the participation of communities in Red Cross activities, thereby ensuring the sustainability of the projects.

Looking Ahead

In 2006, RCDRC carried out WatSan activities to assist about 500,000 vulnerable people in Equateur, Eastern Kasai and Orientale provinces through the PIC process. The local communities that were involved in all the 2006 activities have now owned the projects. This will enable the National Society to concentrate on other provinces such as Kasai Occidental and Bas Congo in 2007. By the time the National Society will be developing its 2008-2009 strategic development plan, it will consider extending PIC to Katanga and Maniema provinces, with focus on health and disaster preparedness.

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	3,011,771	969,663	644,336	400,298	0	5,026,067
B. Opening Balance	337,690	19,955	13,002	136,539	191	507,377
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>	0			0		0
<i>Canadian Red Cross Society</i>				0		0
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>	171,769	9,983				181,752
<i>DFID Partnership</i>	33,926			4,989		38,915
<i>Irish Government</i>	95,070	95,070		63,380		253,520
<i>Irish Red Cross Society</i>		376				376
<i>Jersey Overseas Aid</i>	0					0
<i>New York Office</i>				2,214		2,214
<i>Other</i>	-47,730	-47,730		-31,820		-127,280
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	296,859	119,770	68,440	256,137		741,205
C1. Cash contributions	549,894	177,468	68,440	294,900		1,090,702
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>TNS-Global Market</i>				-100		-100
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)				-100		-100
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>	0	43,964				43,964
<i>Canadian Red Cross Society</i>		43,964				43,964
<i>DFID Partnership</i>			67,000			67,000
<i>Jersey Overseas Aid</i>	0					0
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	88,451			-88,451	0	-0
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or	88,451	87,927	67,000	-88,451	0	154,927
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	638,345	265,395	135,440	206,348	0	1,245,529
D. Total Funding = B + C	976,035	285,350	148,442	342,887	191	1,752,905

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	337,690	19,955	13,002	136,539	191	507,377
C. Income	638,345	265,395	135,440	206,348	0	1,245,529
E. Expenditure	-882,586	-125,988	-125,776	-139,406	-14,345	-1,288,101
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	93,449	159,362	22,666	203,481	-14,154	464,804

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		3,011,771	969,663	644,336	400,298	0	5,026,067	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	58,500	1,690	1,688		398		3,776	54,724
Construction Materials		28,569		1,184	1,565		31,318	-31,318
Clothing & textiles	4,640	1,199	1,813	1,095			4,106	534
Food		2,352					2,352	-2,352
Water & Sanitation	760,006	17,902					17,902	742,104
Medical & First Aid	35,400	6,147	7,704				13,851	21,549
Teaching Materials	143,530	1,372		8,932			10,303	133,227
Utensils & Tools		2,876					2,876	-2,876
Other Supplies & Services	297,077	8,221	17	2,726			10,964	286,113
Total Supplies	1,299,153	70,328	11,221	13,936	1,964		97,448	1,201,705
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles		3,625					3,625	-3,625
Computers & Telecom	34,250	12,091		2,337	10,554		24,981	9,269
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	4,500	9,478					9,478	-4,978
Others Machinery & Equipment		6,478		6,507	9,977		22,962	-22,962
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	38,750	31,671		8,844	20,531		61,046	-22,296
Transport & Storage								
Storage		1,315	292	15	4,882		6,504	-6,504
Distribution & Monitoring		247				6,237	6,485	-6,485
Transport & Vehicle Costs	347,260	80,243	18,632	11,231	11,301		121,407	225,853
Total Transport & Storage	347,260	81,806	18,924	11,245	16,182	6,237	134,395	212,865
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	643,900	50,686	24,538			81,725	156,949	486,951
Delegate Benefits	678,000	267,935	-5,245	1,362	910	-77,455	187,508	490,492
Regionally Deployed Staff		9,570	3,922			-72	13,420	-13,420
National Staff	280,248	24,589	16,155	12,744	8,603		62,090	218,158
National Society Staff	589,701	37,519	6,652	31,918	9,426		85,515	504,186
Total Personnel Expenditures	2,191,849	390,299	46,022	46,024	18,939	4,198	505,483	1,686,366
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	417,844	43,472	10,384	8,219	43,798		105,873	311,970
Total Workshops & Training	417,844	43,472	10,384	8,219	43,798		105,873	311,970
General Expenditure								
Travel	114,510	35,705	6,661	4,029	3,388	2,977	52,760	61,750
Information & Public Relation	83,200	3,769	481		564		4,814	78,386
Office Costs	100,646	11,141	235	1,018	1,899		14,293	86,353
Communications	74,242	7,529	3,066	458	3,000		14,054	60,188
Professional Fees	10,620	2,087	1,168		7,251		10,506	114
Financial Charges	16,200	16,121	647	-990	161		15,939	261
Other General Expenses	5,100	28,286	16,495	19,697	6,894		71,373	-66,273
Total General Expenditure	404,518	104,637	28,754	24,213	23,158	2,977	183,738	220,780
Program Support								
Program Support	326,694	57,366	8,189	8,175	9,061	932	83,724	242,970
Total Program Support	326,694	57,366	8,189	8,175	9,061	932	83,724	242,970
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		103,007	2,495	5,120	5,773		116,394	-116,394
Total Operational Provisions		103,007	2,495	5,120	5,773		116,394	-116,394
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	5,026,067	882,586	125,988	125,776	139,406	14,345	1,288,101	3,737,966
VARIANCE (C - D)		2,129,185	843,675	518,560	260,891	-14,345	3,737,966	

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Health & Care							
PCG401	Preventive Health	64,130	-64,130	3	3		3
PCG410	HIV/AIDS	177	-177		0		0
PZR401	Health & Care	255,809	635,520	-851,465	39,864	2,178,181	1,326,716
PZR410	HIV/AIDS	17,574	67,132	-31,124	53,582	833,589	802,465
Sub-Total Health & Care		337,690	638,345	-882,586	93,449	3,011,771	2,129,185
Disaster Management							
PCG161	Preparation aux Cata	17,456	-11,890		5,566		0
PZR160	Disaster Preparednes	1,149	278,635	-127,111	152,674	969,663	842,552
PZR163	Gest.Catast	1,350	-1,350	1,123	1,123		1,123
Sub-Total Disaster Management		19,955	265,395	-125,988	159,362	969,663	843,675
Humanitarian Values							
PZR301	Humanitarian Values	13,002	135,440	-125,776	22,666	644,336	518,560
Sub-Total Humanitarian Values		13,002	135,440	-125,776	22,666	644,336	518,560
Organisational Development							
PCG001	OD	4,581	0	319	4,900		319
PZR001	Institutional Develp	19,560	294,800	-139,725	174,635	400,298	260,573
PZR003	Dev.Rehabilitat(NAM)	112,397	-88,451	0	23,946		0
Sub-Total Organisational Development		136,539	206,348	-139,406	203,481	400,298	260,891
Coordination & Implement							
PZR101	Delegation Managemen	0	191	-14,345	-14,154	0	-14,345
PZR201	Internatinal Represe	191	-191		0		0
Sub-Total Coordination & Implement		191	0	-14,345	-14,154	0	-14,345
Total	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF	507,377	1,245,529	-1,288,101	464,804	5,026,067	3,737,966